



CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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2022 Candidates Hello!

2022 is just around the corner! We wanted to remind individuals thinking of forming an exploratory or candidate committee for the next election cycle that we are available to help with any questions you may have.

Candidate and exploratory committees lists, including those for 2022, are available on our website and are regularly updated. They can be found [here](#).



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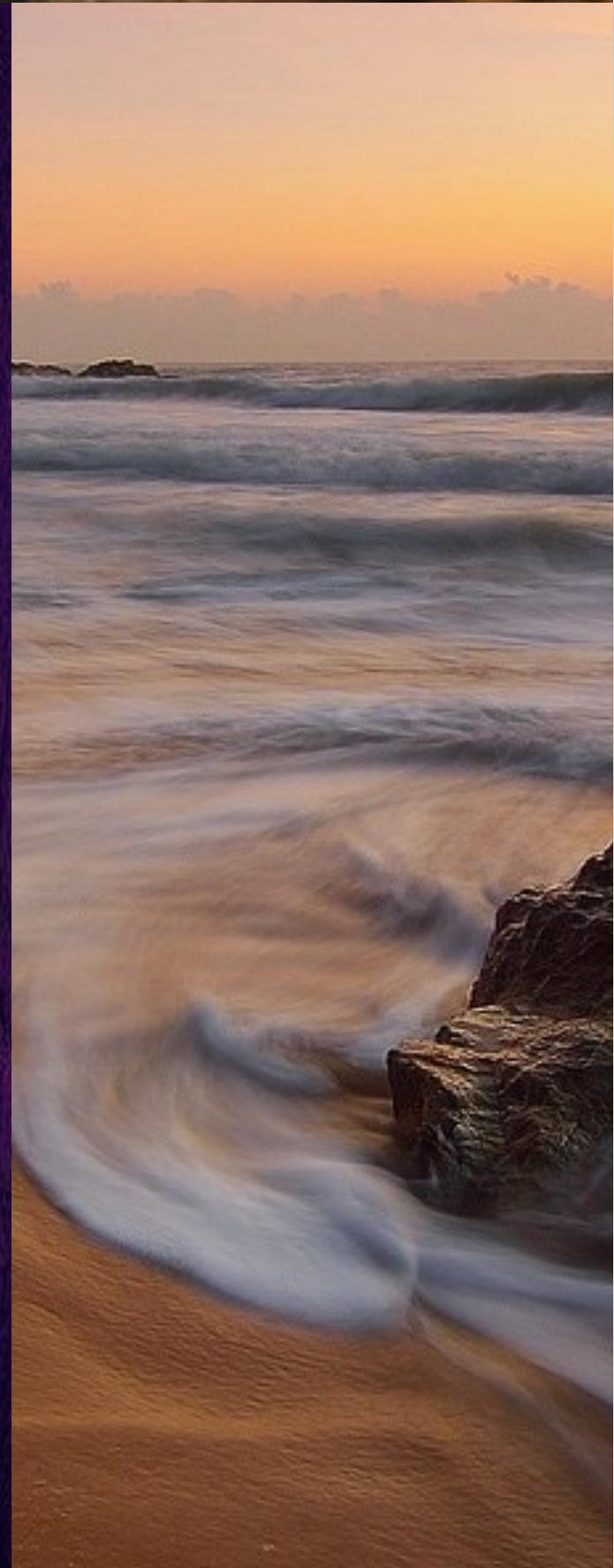
July Quarterly Filing Due Monday, July 12, 2021

The July quarterly filing is due on Monday, July 12, 2021, and is required of all town committees, state central committees, political committees, and candidate committees and slate committees registered for the 2021 and 2022 election cycles.

****2020 candidate committees were required to terminate before July 12th and therefore will not need to do this filing.****

Town committees, state central committees, ongoing political committees that are registered with SEEC, and 2022 exploratory and candidate committees must electronically submit their filings by 11:59 p.m. on July 12th. If you are exempt from using eCRIS, your paper filing must be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on July 12th.

Open municipal exploratory, candidate, and slate committees, as well as political committees registered at the local level, must file with their town clerk's office. The filing must be postmarked by July 12th, or hand delivered to the town clerk's office by close of business on the 12th. As always, check the posted [2021 Filing Calendars](#) on our website for more details.





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Municipal Campaign Trainings

As a reminder, Commission staff has put together a series of very helpful online training videos for municipal campaigns which can be found [here](#). We have received very positive feedback from those who have watched them. In fact, many of the videos have already been viewed over 1,000 times! Topics include becoming a candidate, registering your candidacy and choosing your funding source, treasurer duties, raising and spending funds, reporting, and wrapping up your campaign.

Staff is currently offering live online group training opportunities. Our first one had over 90 registrants! A schedule will be posted on our website so check back soon.

New Haven Mayoral Filings at SEEC

All 2021 New Haven mayoral campaign filings are available on the SEEC website for public viewing.

The New Haven Democracy Fund, a public financing program available to candidates running for mayor in the City of New Haven, requires participating candidates to file their financial disclosure statements electronically with SEEC. New Haven mayoral candidates not participating in the Democracy Fund may use eCRIS as well.

All New Haven mayoral candidate filings, including those not filing by eCRIS, can be viewed on the SEEC website.

Please note that because the Municipal Campaign Financing Filing Pilot Program was only for the 2017 election cycle, New Haven mayoral campaigns are the only municipal filings available on eCRIS for the 2021 municipal cycle.



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2020 Candidate Committees – Post-Election Review Process

All candidate committees selected for post-election review were required to distribute their surplus no later than June 30, 2021 and file their termination statement on or before July 7, 2021. Back in January, committees were asked to submit expenditure documentation covering the period from the committee's inception through December 2020. All documentation of activities that occurred between January 2021 and termination was due by the time the committee terminated, no later than July 7, 2021.

The process from here is as follows:

The Disclosure Unit reviews documents to ensure they contain all bank statements which are absolutely necessary to begin a review. If any of these are found to be missing, the committee will receive an "open items" request.

Once the committee has terminated and provided all documents from inception through termination as well as any bank statements identified in the open items list, the post-election review can begin. At this point, the Disclosure Unit will look at all submitted documents and perform a stratified review. Once the review is completed, the committee will receive a draft post-election review report. At this point, the committee may provide written communication and any additional documentation not yet provided that they would like to be considered.

Please contact your elections officer if you have any questions or need an extension in replying to the draft review.



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Vice Chair Bramante Resigns

Salvatore A. Bramante recently resigned from the Commission after serving as a Commissioner for more than eight year, including many as Vice Chair. Mr. Bramante was appointed to the Commission by Representative Lawrence Cafero in September 2013 and reappointed by House Republican Leader Themis Klarides in July 2015.

Before coming to the Commission, Mr. Bramante served for nineteen years as a registrar of voters in the City of Hartford, dutifully ensuring the integrity of the electoral process, without bias. He had also worked as a computer operator and business analyst in the health care field.

Mr. Bramante holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut and an MIS from the University of Hartford. He is a former Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission.

Mr. Bramante will be remembered for his passionate defense of election integrity, his always colorful commentary, and his keen insights as the only known former registrar of voters to have served as a Commissioner. His contributions to the Commission are greatly appreciated and the SEEC family will miss him dearly.

Other Commission News

The Commission and staff would like to welcome Gregory Piecuch to the Commission. Commissioner Piecuch was appointed to replace Mr. Bramante by House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora with the legislature's approval.



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Staff Spotlight

The agency welcomed Stephen Palmer as an Elections Officer this past quarter. Welcome, Stephen!